

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A telecommunications method for establishing a connection with a mobile device of a participant, comprising:

    sending a short message including a desired destination number from the mobile device to a callback computer to initiate a call from the mobile device to the desired destination number; and

    establishing a connection by the callback computer between said mobile device of the participant and said desired destination number, wherein:

        the establishing step includes calling the mobile device by the callback computer, before establishment of said connection, a remaining credit of said participant is checked in a prepaid module connected to the callback computer, and

        said connection is established only if the remaining credit exceeds a predetermined amount.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The telecommunications method according to claim 1, wherein:

    said prepaid module calculates a remaining airtime with the aid of at least one tariff table, and

    said prepaid module transmits the remaining airtime to said callback computer.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The telecommunications method according to claim 2, wherein said prepaid module calculates said remaining airtime on the basis of an indication of location of said participant stored in a database.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The telecommunications method according to claim 3, wherein said database is a home location register of a home public land mobile network of

said participant and the indication of location is a visitor location register address of said participant.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The telecommunications method according to claim 1, wherein said connection is truncated by said callback computer if the remaining credit of said participant has run out.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The telecommunications method according to claim 1, wherein:

said mobile device is a GSM device, and

said short message is an unstructured supplementary services data message.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A system for establishing a connection with a mobile device of a participant, wherein the system is configured to receive a short message and to identify the participant who has sent the short message, the system comprising:

a callback computer configured to establish a connection between said participant and a destination number indicated in said short message by at least calling the mobile device after the participant transmits the short message to the system to initiate a call; and

a prepaid module connected to said callback computer and configured to store a prepaid amount for at least certain participants, wherein said prepaid module contains at least one tariff table configured to be used to calculate a remaining airtime associated with the participant.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The system according to claim 7, wherein said prepaid module is connected to a home location register of the system via a mobile application part interface.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The system according to claim 7, wherein the prepaid module is configured to:

calculate the remaining airtime of said participant on the basis of indications of location of said participant stored in a home location register of the system and with the aid of said tariff table, and

transmit the remaining airtime to said callback computer.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The system according to claim 7, wherein:

said mobile device is a GSM device, and

said short message is an unstructured supplementary services data message.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The system according to claim 7, further comprising:

a home location register configured to receive the short message and to store a location indication associated with the participant; and

an interface module configured to receive the short message from the home location register, and to transmit the destination number, a call number of the participant, and the location indication to the prepaid module.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The system according to claim 11, wherein:

the interface module is configured to access the home location register by means of a mobile application part protocol via a ~~signaling system number 7~~ SS7 signaling system, and

said short message is an unstructured supplementary services data message.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The telecommunications method of claim 1, wherein the short message includes a prefix in addition to the destination number, the prefix identifying a special service.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The system of claim 7, wherein the short message includes a prefix in addition to the destination number, the prefix identifying a special service.